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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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MITSUMASA SUGIYAMA)
: Group Art Unit: 3624
Application No.: 09/161,401)
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Filed: September 28, 1998)
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For: DATABASE SYSTEM,)
ITS CONTROL METHOD,)
AND INFORMATION)
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to Japan 8-305615, which is listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of Japan 8-305615 together with an English-language abstract is enclosed.

Japan 8-305615 was cited during prosecution of a Japanese patent application corresponding to the above-identified U.S. application. A copy of the Japanese Patent Office's communication dated January 21, 2005, in which this document was cited, is enclosed. In view of this date, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that this document was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

This application has received an Office Action on the merits but has not yet received either a final action or a Notice Of Allowance. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c). Consideration of the art cited herein is accordingly deemed proper, and such action is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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